Christmas Prayer of Pope John XXIII

Oh sweet Child of Bethlehem,
Grant that we may share with all our hearts in this profound mystery of Christmas.
Put into the hearts of men and women this peace for which they sometimes seek so desperately and which you alone can give to them.
Help them to know one another better, and to live as brothers and sisters, children of the same Father.
Reveal to them also your beauty, holiness and purity.
Awaken in their hearts love and gratitude for your infinite goodness.
Join them together in your love.
And give us your heavenly peace. Amen

Pope John XXIII

Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,
Our year two students were really excited on Wednesday afternoon to see their new classroom for next year arrive on the back of two trucks. They were intrigued with the backing in and unloading of the buildings. I must admit I was also excited to see them arrive as well so that we can be all set up for next year before the end of this year. The building is very well finished and it will be a comfortable air conditioned learning space with a wet area for art work. When the verandahs and paving are finished next week it will blend in very well with the hall.

We have also completed some preliminary work this week on the plans for the next building stage of two classrooms, a library extension and an extension to the main car park. Again, we are going to be able to provide a quality learning environment with an undercroft below the classrooms to be used as a shelter for the second in-car pick up lane we will establish with the third build scheduled for 2019.

Graduation Mass and Dinner
On Friday evening we celebrated a beautiful Mass to thank God for the considerable contributions our Year Six students and their families have made to our school and community. A huge vote of thanks to Fr Ian, Mrs Delane, Mrs Horrocks and Mr Torrese for making this Mass such a meaningful celebration.

The Mass was followed by dinner in the hall, prepared by the Year Five parents. The hall was presented on a Disco theme and had to be seen to be believed. We were able to share a meal with the graduating students and their parents in a beautiful setting. This was an excellent model for the young people of how a strong community recognises and appreciates the gift of the graduating students.
**Student Leaders for 2017**

Congratulations to all students who received awards at the Graduation Mass and at the presentations following on from the Christmas Play.

The elected student leaders for 2017 were announced on Monday evening as well. Congratulations to:

- **Head Girl:** Evie Valmadre
- **Head Boy:** Nelson Lacey
- **Deputy Head Girl:** Mia Omodei
- **Deputy Head Boy:** Cooper Smith

Best wishes to our leaders for 2017 who, together with all their classmates, will continue the impressive level of student leadership we have enjoyed in 2016.

**Second Semester Reports**

Second semester reports will be sent home today. I have read all reports and I have been really impressed to see the amount of improvement and development happening for the vast majority of students. My thanks to the teachers for the time and consideration required to complete such professional, affirming, accurate and diagnostic reports. Please ring the office to make an appointment if you wish to meet with the teachers regarding the report. We have a full week of professional development next week, but there is some time on Thursday afternoon.

**Book Lists for 2017**

Details were sent out previously regarding the ordering and delivery of the 2017 booklists for K-6. In addition to the on-line purchasing option, I am aware that Sea Change News have always provided a booklist service if parents would prefer this option. Just print off the order and supply this and they will source the items on the booklist for you. For booklist information, see further down in the newsletter.

**Return to School in 2017**

School commences for students on Wednesday 1st February. Staff will be returning on Monday 30th January. The school office will be open from Monday 23rd January, however, admin staff are here for much of the holiday break.

**Year 6 Guitar Program 2017**

Next year Mr Torrese will lead the guitar program with the Year 6s. If any parents have questions about the program or on purchasing or borrowing guitars, please contact Adrian next week or at the start of the 2017 school year.

The lessons are scheduled for weekly sessions during all school terms.

**Uniform Shop**

The uniform shop will be open Tuesday 30th January from 8.30am – 10.30am for anyone requiring last minute uniforms. A reminder that second hand uniforms are available at any time during office hours. Please call in at reception for a key. Thanks again to our wonderful uniform volunteers.

**Swimming Lessons**

I can now confirm that swimming lessons for 2017 will commence on Friday 10th February and will be held at the Geographe Leisure Centre. The lessons will be over one week, concluding on Thursday 16th February (one lesson in week 2, four in week 3.) Advance notice that we will be sending the registration forms on Wednesday 1st February (first day of school) and need them returned the next day so the groups can be organised. Thanks in anticipation for your support with this.

**Canteen**

Canteen will commence in Week 2 next year. Menus will be available in Week 1.

**Kindy Christmas Play**

Thanks to Mrs Horrocks, Miss Horrocks, Mrs Jackson & Mrs Sweeny for two most enjoyable Kindy Concerts on Wednesday and Thursday mornings. The play was most enjoyable and the children were delightful. All students have had a wonderful start to school life due to the work of the staff with very strong support from the families.
Staff Changes
As mentioned in a previous newsletter, Miss Lissiman will be moving to Star of the Sea in Carnarvon next year. I would like to thank Karla for all that she has contributed to our school and community over the last year and wish her all the best for her move to a new school.

We will welcome Nick Jones to year three and Amy Rundle to year one for 2017. Nick will be meeting his year three class tomorrow for orientation and both Amy and Nick will be joining us for part of our Professional Development days happening in the week after the students finish school.

The other change is that the School Board has employed Sara Drmota to replace Fflur Lambert and Jordie Rock as canteen coordinator. We look forward to welcoming Sara and I would like to thank Fflur and Jordie for their outstanding service over several years.

St Vinnies
This morning two of our local St Vinnies' representatives, Kath Rooney and Brian Wiseman, attended our assembly to collect the St Vincent’s Christmas Hamper donations from our student leaders. My thanks to all families for your support throughout the year for all the appeals we have had to help those less fortunate than ourselves. May God bless you for your generosity.

Enrolments for Next Year
We still have vacancies in kindy, pre primary and year one for 2017, with some space also available in some other classes.
I will be at school until Tuesday 20\textsuperscript{th} December. If you know of any families who may be interested in enrolling after that date, please encourage them to ring and leave a message. We will be checking the messages throughout January.

Prayers
Please keep Louie Hodge in your prayers. Louie has been in hospital due to an infection.

Joggers for 2017
Just a reminder if people are buying new joggers over the holidays for next year that they need to be predominantly white or light grey (75%). Please also avoid, or replace, brightly coloured laces.
Hairstyles
Likewise, when preparing students for next year, please be aware of our policy below:
In keeping with uniform standards, hairstyles should be conservative and neat. Fashion styles involving colour, very short cuts, undercuts, etc, are not acceptable.
Hairstyles need to conform to the following standards:
- Hair is to be clean, off the face and appropriately groomed and combed.
- Hair (for boys) is to be cut to collar length.
- For hygiene reasons, hair below collar length must be tied up with a school scrunchy or a black elastic band. No coloured hair accessories please.

School Fees
As a growing and developing school, we need school fees paid promptly so we can continue to provide the resources and facilities to promote learning for all students.
The prompt payment of fees by families is much appreciated and has really helped this year. Could any families with overdue fees please pay them as soon as possible to help us balance our budget for 2016. If parents need help, please contact Sandra or Des for a confidential meeting to arrange a payment plan.

Thank You
As the year draws to a close, I would like to thank everyone who has made the year so successful. Thanks to the dedicated staff who work so hard to help everyone. There are many wonderful things happening in the school as a result of the positive engagement and response from the students, the direction and support afforded by the staff, coupled with an incredibly supportive parent community. The School Board and P&F are the key bodies of parents who are highly involved, but we have many individuals who give of their time so generously. My thanks to:
- Fflur Lambert and Jordy Rock for managing the canteen for 2016. Thanks also to the many volunteers who have helped.
- Bec Smith, Alison Martin and Carla Paterson for coordinating the uniform shop and Leanne Verhoeff for her work with providing the second hand uniforms.
- All the class parent reps for all they have done to support the students and staff.

End of Term Best Wishes
As this will be the last newsletter, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for a fantastic year. I am honoured to be working in such an appreciative community where everyone works to provide the very best they can for the students.

May you all have a holy and joyful Christmas with family, and enjoy a safe and enjoyable holiday.

God bless,

Des Wilkie
Principal
Parents can access the lists online to order.
1. Go to www.campion.com.au

2. Click on ‘Order now’ next to where it says “Parents and students, place your 2017 orders now”.

3. Add in the order code for the school which is 7SAF. This will then direct you through to ordering for the year level.

**Orders must be placed by December 16th 2016**

Your home delivery order will be dispatched the week ending 13th January 2017.

The delivery service is $8 for orders placed by the 16th December 2016. After this date a delivery charge of up to $17.50 will be charged.

**Campion Online Ordering**

- Save your order for up to 48 hours and return to complete it
- Place orders for multiple children with one payment
- View your online order history
- Add items to your order before it is packed
- Track your home delivery parcels through Australia Post
- Retrieve your digital book access for eBooks
Proposed Term Dates for 2017

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**SPANISH COURSE for Kids**

from 7 to 12 years old
Spanish born tutor
Bachelor Degree Primary Education
All levels are welcome. 18 weeks course per Term

Available days:
Thursday from 4.00 pm to 5.00 pm

$150.00 per Term

Please, email me your expression of interest with your preferred day and level required. Classes will be to groups of 8 max.

Venue: TBA
email: laumarspanishteacher@gmail.com

**DUNSBOROUGH**

Holiday Workshop for Kids 6-12yrs

23 24 25 27 January

SUMMER SCHOOL
Drama, Singing & Movement

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info@soundwaves.net.au
SUMMER READING CLUB

What's happening at your Library this summer?

Photo Booth
At your Library all holidays!
Create your own superhero moment with our fun props and capture it with your camera!

Mermaid Storytime
Bussextton Library
Friday 13th January 10:30am - 11:30am
With special guest Mermaid Niece this is a special storytime for those aged 0 and under. Part of the Festival of Busselton.
Bookings not required.

Be the Hero!

Teddy Bears Picnic
Wednesday 18th January 9:30am - 12pm
Join us at Rotary Park in Busselton for the annual Playgroup WA Teddy Bears Picnic.
All ages, all welcome.
Phone Playgroup WA on 1800 171 882 to register.

Summer Reading Club
At your Library all holidays
Register now for our Summer Reading Club, see how many books you can read over summer and you could go into the draw to win an iPad Mini!!

Be the Villain!

Harry Potter Book Night
Bussextton Library
Thursday 2nd February 6:30pm - 7:30pm
Celebrate the end of the year by joining us for our special Harry Potter Book Night.
Best dressed comp, special guests, games, treats & a spectacular night of wizarding wonder.
For all ages. Bookings essential!!

Take Home Crafts
At your Library all holidays
Grab a 'super' craft template to take home and make.

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